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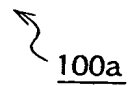


Diagram illustrating a linear sequence of segments (Svph, Smb, Svph) grouped into blocks (Svp). The sequence is labeled as follows:

- Top labels: Svph(1), Smb(1), Svph(k), Smb(i-1), Smb(1), Smb(i), Cm, Smb(i+2), Smb(i+3), Smb(n), Svph(k+1), Svph(m)
- Bottom labels (bracketed groups): Svph, Svp(1), Svp(k), Svp(k+1), Svp(m)
- An arrow labeled Svop points to the first segment (Svph(1)).